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FROM THE TOP

America soars on AF wings

By General T. Michael Moseley
U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The United States of America depends on its Air Force to defend the population, deliver global effects and jointly accomplish national objectives to an extent unseen in the history of mankind.

In my 35 years of service, many things have changed. Yet, what has remained constant is the extraordinary dedication, courage, and skill of the men and women we call "Airmen" who deliver for the nation every minute of every day in air, on the surface, in space, and cyberspace.

I am often asked: What does the Air Force contribute? What does our national investment in air, space and cyberspace power bring to America? Let me share with you some observations of our Air Force that have inspired me since I was a new Second Lieutenant — fresh from commissioning at Texas A&M University — and continue to fill me with pride as the Eighteenth Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force.

I see Airmen (Active, Reserve, Air National Guard and Civilians), vigilant at their post, who provide first warning of threats worldwide through space, air and cyber systems that never sleep and never blink.

From satellites that provide early warning, to over-tasked unmanned aerial vehicles and surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft, Airmen operate the world's most advanced sensor network. They watch the globe — to include North Korean preparations for missile launches, Iranian nuclear programs, and the dangerous borders between warring nations. Airmen are America's global eyes and ears, likely the first to tip off of an emerging threat to Americans and America's interests.

I see Airmen who provide the first response worldwide for natural disasters — on scene for rescue and delivering humanitarian supplies (to include complete hospitals) that often mean the difference between life and death.

I see Airmen airborne, in the center of the worst storms and hurricanes in history, to track and provide the warning that is critical to save lives and protect citizens' property.

I see Airmen airborne, fighting forest and range fires, delivering fire retardant liquid from C-130s — again to save lives and protect citizens' property. From rescuing individuals in danger, to providing storm warning, to fighting fires, to delivering supplies across a global air bridge, Airmen are the real manifestation of American compassion and strength.

It has been my observation that Airmen do these tasks so well that people at risk expect an American response no matter how far or how adverse the conditions or how tough the task. It has also been my observation that these Airmen make all this look so easy that others believe it is easy — which, of course, it's not.

I see Airmen who are often first to the fight through the attributes inherent in the exploitation of Air Power, engaging enemies across vast ranges on a truly global scale, striking targets or transporting themselves and their fellow Warriors to hot spots throughout the world. These Airmen then stand alongside them in the fight as a joint team, delivering military options, anywhere on Earth.

These Airmen fly bombers on a truly intercontinental scale, routinely striking targets at ranges unequaled in the history of warfare, with peerless precision, speed, and lethality, while simultaneously holding other targets at risk, thereby deterring and dissuading adverse actions.

Other Airmen fly the giant airlift and refueling aircraft, also on a truly intercontinental scale, daily delivering humanitarian relief supplies, other war fighters, cargo, and the means to conduct theater war fighting on the scale required in this long war on terrorism. In fact, every 90 seconds, somewhere on the surface of the Earth, these Airmen take to the air — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, good weather or foul in defense of this country.



USAF Photo

Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, is greeted by Airmen during his visit to McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., Oct. 12.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This excerpt is from the first essay in a series of essays from the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, highlighting how commanders prepare and employ their Airmen for the Global War on Terrorism. The complete essay is available at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123029134>.

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Photo by Senior Airman Rachel Bernardes

SPECIAL DAY - Miguel Velez, resident of the New Lisbon Development Center, shows his excitement at being the 78th Air Refueling Squadron's Hero for the Day. Under the Hero for the Day program, those who are developmentally disabled and who have debilitating condition or terminal disease are given a hands-on tour of McGuire Air Force Base as honorary squadron members.

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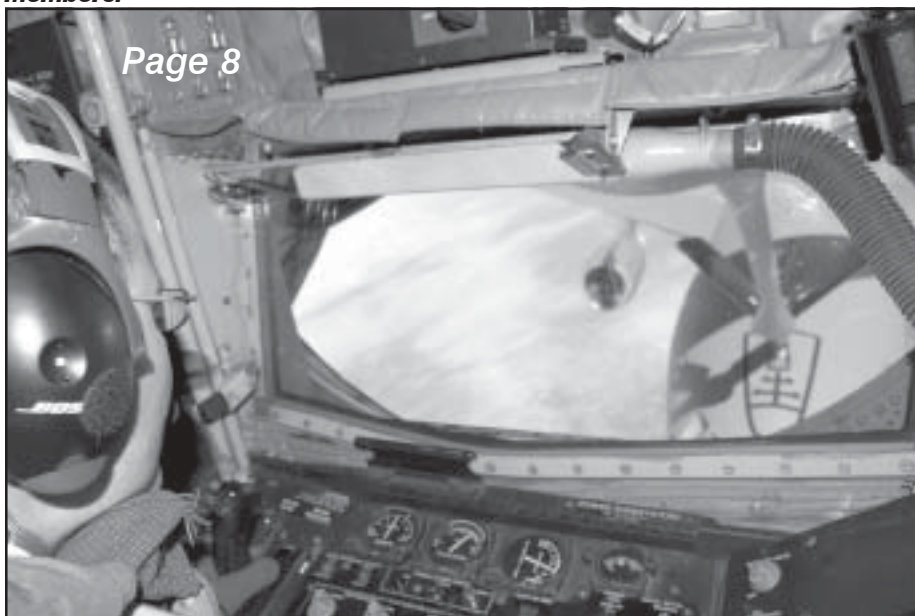


Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Coomes

FAMILY REFUELING - Master Sgt. Jon Harston Jr., a KC-135 boom operator with the 319th Air Refueling Wing, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., refuels a KC-10 piloted by his younger brother, Capt. Michael Harston of the 78th Air Refueling Squadron. The brothers were accompanied by their father, retired Chief Master Sgt. Jon Harston. See story on Page 8.

On the cover



Photo by Capt. Edward Yeash

Reserve and active duty C-17 crews recently navigated austere landing conditions to safely deliver passengers and cargo near Kandahar, Afghanistan. The McGuire Air Force Base crews experienced the aircraft's high maneuverability and capabilities while touching down on the unprepared dirt airfields.

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Bible study offered

The 514th Air Mobility Wing Chaplain's Office welcomes all wing members to attend Bible Study Services during one of the following dates: Nov. 4 or 19.

Services begin at 11:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m., in the training/break room of maintenance Building 2202.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a bag lunch.

The chapel staff can arrange worship and religious opportunities for all wing members regardless of their faith. For more information contact the office at (609) 754-3561.

PROMOTIONS

The following 514th Air Mobility Wing members were recently promoted:

Airman First Class

Stephanie Marsh, 514th LRF

Senior Airman

Ayotund Akinkunmi, 88th APS
Shackilca Beaumont, 514th AMDS
Chun Chan, 514th AMXS
Danielle Grant, 514th AMDS
Danny Jimenez, 88th APS
Ryan Kirkwood, 514th AMXS
Alexis Martin, 714th AMXS
Lisa Montejo, 514th AES
Christina Nelson, 514th CES
Irma Perez, 514th AES
Breanne Rainey, 514th MSS
Johnny Riggins, 514th AES
Evelyn Thomas, 514th MSS

Staff Sergeant

Sarah Bartos, 514th AES
Vanity Day, 514th AMDS
Joshua Dorman, 714th AMXS
Winston Fernandez, 514th AES
Latoya Gary, 514th LRF
Christopher Headley, 88th APS
Timothy Krupa, 514th MXS
Tina Reagan, 514th CS
Jose Rivera, 88th APS
Candice Smith, 714th AMXS
Kevin Smith, 714th AMXS
Lyndell Talamanco, 722nd ASTS
Kenneth Tenebro, 722nd ASTS
Raymond Tom, 88th APS

Dennis Wallace, 714th AMXS

Technical Sergeant

Jason Browning, 514th AMXS
Claudio Collazo, 514th MXS
Scott Denhalter, 514th ASTS
Yanira Gonzalez, 514th MSS
Melanie McCarthy, 514th MSS
Kevin McGreevy, 88th APS
Manuel Natera, 76th ARS
Thomas Noon, 514th CES
Carl Ostergaard, 88th APS
Nadine Pinto, 88th APS

Master Sergeant

Charles Carson, 514th MXS
Edward Cohen, 714th AMXS
Richard Decoteau, 514th AMDS
John Dipasquale, 732nd AS
Kimberly Frymire, 514th AMDS
Brian Goetschius, 714th AMXS
Zachary Harris, 514th ASTS
Jeremy Shewmake, 732nd AS
Donald Smith, 714th AMXS
Andrew Sylvain, 78th ARS
Raymond Zylstra, 88th APS

Senior Master Sergeant

James Burke, 88th APS
Thomas Fischer, 514th AMXS
Henry Grill, 78th ARS
Neil Porter, 714th AMXS
Angela Mickie, 88th APS
Kevin Savidge, 714th AES
Osmond Silvera, 714th AMXS
Frank Skowronski, 514th ASTS

CCAF students complete degree

The following 514th Air Mobility Wing members graduate from the Community College of the Air Force Nov. 1 in a commencement ceremony held at the McGuire Club:

Tech. Sgt. George Bates, 514th MSS; **Staff Sgt. Stephanie Bates**, 514th ASTS; **Master Sgt. Doretta Brown**, 514th SVS; **Tech. Sgt. Sonya Bulluck**, 88th APS; **Senior Airman Kathy Bryson**, 722nd ASTS; **Staff Sgt. Tespha Campbell**, **Senior Airman Thalha Choudhury**, 732nd AS; 722nd ASTS; **Senior Airman Isaac Cortes**, 722nd ASTS; **Staff Sgt. Peter Greco**, 714th AMXS; **Staff Sgt. John Hall**, 514th SFS; **Staff Sgt. Antoine Hicks**, 514th AMXS; **Senior Airman Robert Morey**, 514th CS; **Senior Master Sgt. David Nevius**, 514th ASTS; **Staff Sgt. Nermine Prusecki**, 514th CES; **Staff Sgt. Heather Todd**, 514th MXS and **Staff Sgt. Jennifer Yang**, 514th CES.

Wing CDC top testers

The following 514th Air Mobility Wing members received a 90 or above on their career development course final exam during the third quarter of 2006:

Tech. Sgt. Terry B. Consolazio, 514th AMXS; **Master Sgt. John J. Desmond**, 514th SFS; **Staff Sgt. Clarence C. Lepley**, 514th AMDS; **Staff Sgt. Thomas P. Noon**, 514th CES and **Master Sgt. Corey S. Shagg**, 514th AMXS.

VIBES:

How do you spend the day after Thanksgiving?



Tech. Sgt. Keith Sinclair
732nd AS

As a Pennsylvania state trooper, I normally spend the day patrolling the interstate, trying to keep it safe for all the travellers visiting (family and friends) for the holiday.



Airman 1st Class Brienne Rainey
514th MSS

I normally spend the day after Thanksgiving relaxing at home and taking out the Christmas decorations.



Master Sgt. J. Scott Anderson
514th MOF

I get up early to capitalize on a few good "Black Friday" Christmas gift deals for my kids. Then I usually spend the rest of the day with my family.



Capt. Susan Mack
78th ARS

Sleeping... eating... sleeping... eating... sleeping... is it Saturday yet?



Tech. Sgt. Hilberto Andujar
35th APS

My family and I have cut back on the extra trips we used to take for fun. I live in New Jersey but I'm from Virginia. I don't go to my home state much now.

Aerial jack-of-all-trades

C-17 crew shows aircraft's capability to land on unprepared desert strips



By Lt. Col. A. Goodpaster
514th AMW Public Affairs

Visibility was clear and bright as the McGuire AFB C-17 Globemaster III recently lowers its landing gear and descends toward an unprepared desert airfield near Kandahar, Afghanistan.

The landing and subsequent takeoff in the harsh desert environment would be different this time for Reservist Maj. Bob Hagstrom, with the 732nd Airlift Squadron, as this aircraft was not the C-130 to which he was accustomed. Major Hagstrom's adrenaline kicks in as the giant aircraft touches the earth. Sand, dust and gravel thunder loudly as it strikes the aircraft's fuselage. The tires burrow slightly into the terrain, unlike the predictable, smooth landing on normal tarmac. A blinding plume of white dust and sand rises up and surrounds the cockpit for more than 20 seconds as the aircraft comes to a stop. Once security forces secure the aircraft, passengers and cargo are off-loaded and the mission is successfully completed.

Designed to operate on small austere airfields anywhere in the world, the C-17 can take off on runways as short as 3,000 feet and as narrow as 90 feet wide. It's flexibility and maneuverability makes it the perfect aircraft for this particular airlift mission as it can turn around for takeoff using a three-point star turn and its backing capability. Combined aircrews from McGuire's 305th Air Mobility and the Reserve's 514th Air Mo-

bility Wings filled the tasking.

For three weeks the aircrews put in long hours delivering passengers and vehicles to the desert location as increased insurgent threats in the deployed area made it difficult for ground transport systems to get through safely. C-17 airlift transports allow personnel and equipment to reach their destination quickly and safely.

"The C-17 is an enormous aircraft compared to the C-130," said Major Hagstrom. "It was awesome to see the aircraft's maneuverability and capability in this environment."

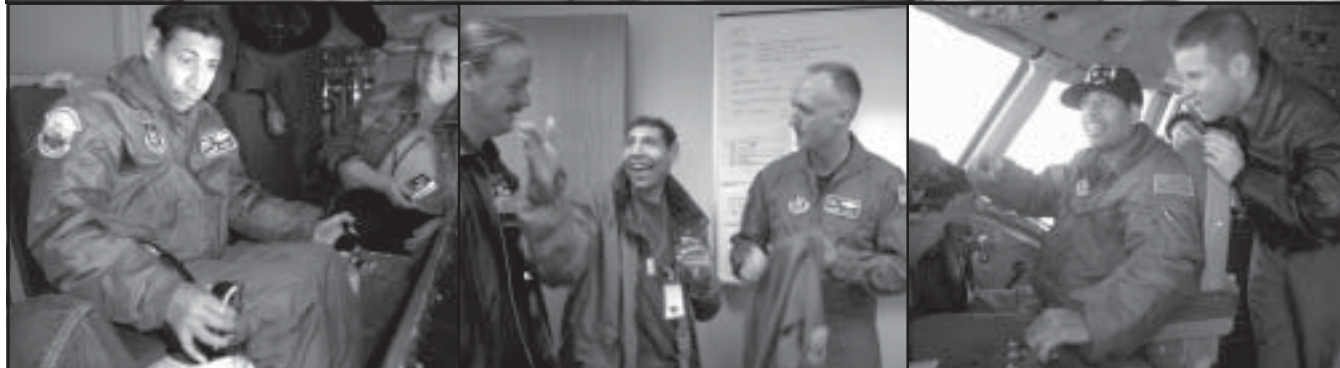
Others agreed with the major.

"Landing in the dirt in the area of responsibility in a Taliban stronghold, (performing to max capacity) in the C-17 is the pinnacle of what we do," said Capt. Rich Carter, a new Air Reserve Technician with the 732nd AS. "I don't think people realize how big a deal this really is," he added. "We performed what's called an 'assault landing' that's likened to a controlled crash landing," he said.

"The C-17 is perfect for missions such as the one described above. I am excited to announce that we are part of a C-17 unit that's just four months out of conversion and able to successfully prosecute landings on unprepared airstrips," said Lt. Col. Jim Fryer, commander, 732nd AS. "I'm also extremely proud to be part of the McGuire teams crewing this and many other missions with our active duty brethren from the 6th Airlift Squadron, nicknamed, 'The Beef.' It's a great feeling to do the nation's business in delivering freedom to the world."

A wish come true

Hero program gives disabled a day to experience



Miguel Velez, a developmentally disabled resident of the New Lisbon Development Center, New Lisbon, N.J., spends a day with the 78th Air Refueling Squadron as their "Hero for the Day" Oct. 15.

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514th AMW**

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photos by Senior Airman Rachel Bernardes
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!" said Miguel Velez, excitedly pointing at an Airman's array of ribbons. Miguel, who is developmentally disabled, was fascinated with all aspects of being an honorary member of the 78th Air Refueling Squadron. Oct. 15 as their "Hero for the Day."

Master Sgt. Michael Ferraro, who first conceived the community outreach program, placed his hand on Miguel's shoulder with an assuring smile and said, "ah, you get some too!"

He smiled Miguel with a smile from ear-to-ear that expressed his appreciation for a day dedicated to realizing his wish.

Miguel was already ecstatic as a result of the three minute ride from the entry unit's building, said Irene Sprinkle and Eric Crawford. Both senior program assistants from the New Lisbon Developmental Center, New Lisbon, where Miguel resides, accompanied him on this special day. "Oh Miguel," Sprinkle said, "He's bouncing off the walls! Just coming in and seeing Miguel, he's having a ball!"

The day began with a visit with Lt. Col. Thomas Ayers, commander, 78th Air Refueling Squadron, who presented him with his flight suit and personalized dog tags, and with Master Sgt. Bowers, commander, 514th Operations Group, who gave him an official 514th OG ball cap.

"It's only getting started!" said Staff Sgt. Chris Baez, tour driver for the program, who watched Miguel's excitement over receiving the uniform and cap.

Miguel's enthusiasm continued throughout the day as he received a tour of the 514th Air Mobility Wing by pilot, 1st Lt. Matthew Thatcher and boom operator, Staff Sgt. Craig, both 78th ARS members. He also toured the air traffic control tower, the approach and control facility and enjoyed an experience on the KC-10 simulator. Miguel also met much of the 514th Air Mobility Wing's staff and met with the wing commander, Colonel James L. Kerr, who presented him with a commemorative coin.

"Realizing the feeling that Miguel gave us, he had such a gift to make us proud," said 514th AMW Command Chief Master Sergeant Mary Alden of her first encounter with Miguel.

The day ended with attendance at the 78th ARS commander's call, where Master Sgt. Bowers presented Miguel with a certificate designating him as the official "Hero for the Day."

"It was a lot of fun to put together," said Sergeant Ferraro. To date the wing has had 100 XX heroes. "It's our members going out and supporting the community and they'll never wear the uniform like we do, this is their chance to put on the uniform," said Sergeant Ferraro.

Irene Sprinkle and Eric Crawford also expressed their appreciation for being able to participate in such a program.

"Miguel (Miguel) would love and appreciate the experience," said Ms. Sprinkle. The program is open to those who have a terminal disease or debilitating condition. Any wing member can nominate someone for the program. The family will ensure the nominee can handle the timeframe and rigors of receiving the uniform. Please contact Sergeant Ferraro at (609) 754-6370 for submissions.

Annual retirement ceremony



Photos by Staff Sgt. Monica Dalberg and Senior Airman Rachel Bernardes

Master Sgt. Gary Montalbano (center) and wife, Joanne, accept his official certificate of retirement from presenters (from left), Col. James L. Kerr, commander, Chief Master Sgt. (Ret.) Michael Wysong and Command Chief Master Sgt. Mary Alden. The 514th Air Mobility Wing Annual retirement ceremony was held Oct. 14. More than 100 wing members returned to participate in the ceremony. (Below) Senior Master Sgt. (Ret.) Edward Keitt takes a family picture with his wife, Earline and son, Jauvaun to commemorate the event. Sergeant Keitt served as a KC-10 crew chief and is a former member of the 714th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.



Commander's call slated

A 514th Air Mobility Wing commander's call is set for Jan. 21 and Feb. 4 at the base theater. Two sessions will be held per day with the first beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the second beginning at 2 p.m. To ensure safety and fire codes are adhered to under the building occupancy limits, unit members are requested to attend commander's call using the following schedule:

Jan. 21		Feb. 4	
8:30 a.m.	2 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	2 p.m.
514th MSG	514th AMXS	514th AMW	514th MXG
514th LRF	714th AMXS	514th AMDS	514th MOF
88th APS	514th CS	514th OG	514th MXS
514th MSS	714th AES	514th OSS	514th AMXS
514th SVF	88th APS	732nd AS	714th AMXS
514th CES	76th ARS	514th AES	514th ALCF
514th CS	514th SFS	78th ARS	35th APS
		722nd ASTS	



Photo by Capt. Michael Miller

Reserve KC-10 pilot, Capt. Michael Harston and his father, retired Chief Master Sgt. Jon Harston, hook up 30,000 feet in the air, with their brother and son, respectively, who is a KC-135 boom operator at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. The September flight was the first time all three family members were on the same air refueling mission.

Family reunion goes sky high

By Master Sgt. Donna T. Jeffries
514th AMW Public Affairs

Family reunions are common events but rarely do they occur thousands of feet in the air like the reunion the Harston family recently experienced.

Capt. Michael Harston of the 78th Air Refueling Squadron, his father, retired Chief Master Sergeant Jon Harston and older brother, Master Sgt. Jon Harston Jr., a KC-135 boom operator met in the sky during an air refueling mission Sept. 21.

"The first time I see my brother in seven months is 30,000 feet in the air," said Sergeant Harston while waving to his brother through the boom pod window as he refueled the KC-10 Extender his brother piloted. The sergeant is stationed at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.

Their father, a former KC-10 flight engineer, now a Boeing Flight Check Airman Engineer at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., accompanied Captain Harston in flight. He waved through the windshield of the KC-10, to his eldest son.

"I thought the flight was great," said Captain Harston. "During the air refueling we were able to see and talk with my brother."

Although this was the first time all three had flown together on the same mission, it was not the first time at least two of the three flew together.

Sergeant Harston brought his brother on a refueling mission with him when he was an Airman 14 years ago.

"I remember he was so amazed by how close the planes came to each other and now he's flying the plane," he said.

Although Captain Harston has flown the plane for four years, he had a few initial butterflies to overcome.

"Having both my dad and brother as former KC-10 crewmembers set the bar high," said the pilot. "They would know if I was messing something up."

No one messed up and the Harston family now has a memory for a lifetime.

"That day was one of the best and most proud days in my military career," said the captain, "with my dad, my brother and me at 30,000 feet and 500 miles per hour!"

Flight kitchen opens longer

The 305th Service Squadron flight kitchen has expanded its weekday lunch hour and now opens for mid-night meals.

Reserve members on active duty orders or who are performing unit training assembly duty and active duty military members are authorized to use the flight kitchen.

Lunch is available Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The midnight meal is available daily, to include holidays, from 10 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The flight kitchen is located in Building 1706. For more information call (609) 754-3779.

Free SAT/ACT training

A group of National Football League players have extended their sponsorship of free SAT/ACT preparation software to all families in the Armed Forces. Military members can place an order through the following Website: <http://sat.eknowledge.com/military.asp> and only pay \$9.95 for shipping.

CFC

Reserve members have until Dec. 6, to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign. CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the Federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. Reserve members interested in making a contribution can contact their squadron CFC representative.



Reserve manning increases

The fiscal 2007 Defense Appropriations Act funds an end-strength of 74,900 reservists, which is 900 additional reservists from last year. The new legislation also approves 10,214 full-time air reserve technicians and 2,707 full-time active Guard and Reserve members. The defense bill funds a 2.2 percent across the board military pay raise for active and Reserve forces. For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123028290>.

Correction

In the September/October Beacon, Master Sgt. Christopher Davey, of the was incorrectly listed as being promoted to senior master sergeant.

Reservist's swift action saves a life

By Master Sgt. Donna T. Jeffries
514th AMW Public Affairs

The call to action came without a moment's notice for Master Sgt. Stephen Brace as he found himself enjoying a night out with his Reserve co-workers one minute and then saving the life of an 88-year-old woman the next.

While on temporary duty in Arizona, Sergeant Brace performed the Heimlich maneuver on the elderly lady after hearing her family call for help. The 714th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron member and his dinner group had just arrived at a popular chain restaurant and ordered drinks when sounds of commotion and the cry for assistance came.

"I heard someone yelling their grandma or mother was choking then ask if anyone knew the Heimlich maneuver," said Sergeant Brace. "I guess I was closest to the table in trouble."

The husky sergeant said the scene became surreal to him as he approached with no reservations to the woman choking and gasping for air.

"I wasn't thinking as I positioned myself behind her and began to perform the lifesaving movements," he said. After the first thrust, nothing happened, the sergeant said about his attempts to assist.

"The second time I could feel her body release tension and she took a breath," he said. "I continued to hold

her up because she was still wobbly, then helped her into her chair."

Being a gentleman, Sergeant Brace stayed by the woman's side until she had regained her composure and the family had calmed down.

The family and the restaurant manager were very thankful about the assistance given. "They kept thanking me over and over again," Sergeant Brace said. "I've never been put in the position to help anyone like this. It's priceless to have the knowledge," he added.

The Virginia resident attributes his modest medical skills to the annual self aid buddy care and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training he's received during his 20 years of military service.

Chiefs group offers scholarships for wing members

Applications for eight scholarships of \$250 each are currently being accepted by the 514th Air Mobility Wing Chiefs Group.

Recipients will be selected March 1, 2007 and winners will be announced during the April 2007 unit training assembly.

To be eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Hold the rank of E-6 or below
- Be a full or part-time undergraduate student of an accredited college or attend a Veterans Administration-approved trade school.
- Have no unexcused UTA absences, no unfavorable infor-

mation file nor have a delinquent government travel card balance in the last 12 months from the application date of Feb. 28, 2007.

- Must meet mission ready requirements established by unit.
- Submit a copy of transcript with grade(s) for fall 2006 with a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

Those interested must send the completed application below to Chief Master Sgt. Mary Alden, 514th AMW/CCM, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 2217 W. Arnold Ave., McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. 08641.

2006 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

Name: _____ Rank: _____ Unit: _____

Home Address: _____
Street Address / City / State / Zip Code

Home Phone (include area code): _____

Signature of Unit Commander or Superintendent _____

Colleges applied to or attending Fall 06 semester

Name of College	Number of Credits	Major Field

Air Force women share spotlight at Glamour Magazine Award Ceremony

By Master Sgt. Donna Jeffries
514th AMW Public Affairs

Four McGuire women representing the Air Force were honored at the prestigious 2006 Glamour Woman of the Year award ceremony held Oct. 30 at Carnegie Hall in New York. Attended by numerous celebrities, the event is hosted annually by Glamour Magazine.

"Team McGuire members received a great honor in being selected to represent the entire female force within the Air Force out of the 14 service women attending the event," said Capt. Kerri Ebrecht award attendee. The captain is assigned to the 714th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Other McGuire attendees include: Senior Master Sgt. Antonia Beaudet and Tech. Sgt. Megan Parrott, both of the 714th AMXS and Tech. Sgt. Cheri A. Messina of the 305th Maintenance Group.

Glamour Magazine paid tribute to military women from all branches of the armed forces during the event with a video presentation highlighting the life



Courtesy photo

From left, Senior Master Sgt. Antonia Beaudet, Tech. Sgt. Megan Parrott, Tech. Sgt. Cheri Messina and Capt. Kerri Ebrecht enjoy a night mingling with celebrities as they represent Air Force females at the 2006 Glamour Woman of the Year award ceremony held at Carnegie Hall.

of the women currently serving.

Following the video, the selected military representatives stood in their seats to accept the award on behalf of their branch of service.

"It was very humbling to be able to attend the award ceremony and accept this honor for the women in the Air Force," said Sergeant Parrott. "It is one I will never forget," she said.

Super troop



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Darryl Johnson of the 88th Aerial Port Squadron, here, was recognized for outstanding performance while participating in this summer's Patriot Partner exercise where five aerial port squadrons combined to execute aerial port functions. The 320th Combined Aerial Port Squadron consisted of more than 200 members. The exercise was held at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. As assistant noncommissioned officer in charge of the cargo processing section, Sergeant Johnson was responsible for the training of 15 Airman in his section. The group off-loaded 1,279 pieces of cargo from 105 trucks and then organized the cargo on 175 pallets in record time. The plaque was presented by Maj. Monte Marsolf, commander, 320th CAPS.



Photo by Kenn Mann

From left, Louis Muzyka, Mariana Herrera and Allen Nicolosi, all prior servicemembers, take the oath of enlistment during a special enlistment ceremony held on the McGuire Air Force Base flight-line in October. Col. Reginald Stroud, commander, 514th Maintenance Group gives the oath as recruiter, Tech. Sgt. Randolph Rodriguez witnesses the event.



AF leaders to discuss new 'Cyber Command'

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force leaders are gathering in early November to discuss plans for creation of a new command, one chartered with flying and fighting in cyber space.

Cyberspace became an official Air Force domain, like air and space, on Dec. 7, 2005, when Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley introduced a new mission statement.

In a letter to Airmen, they said the new mission was to "deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests — to fly and fight in air, space and cyberspace."

Now, Air Force leaders are planning to stand up a new "cyber command," to be responsible for fighting in that domain, said General Moseley.

"To deliver the full spectrum of effects we will evolve a coherent enterprise, with warfighting ethos, ready to execute any mission in peace, crisis and war," the general said. "We will foster a force of 21st century warriors, capable of delivering the full spectrum of kinetic and non-kinetic, lethal and non-lethal effects across all three domains. This is why we are standing up an operational command for cyberspace, capable of functioning as a supported or supporting component of the joint force."

Air Force leaders begin

planning for the new cyber command Nov. 16 at the Cyber Summit. During the summit, Air Force leaders will chart a way ahead for the Air Force's role in cyberspace, also called the cyber domain, said Dr. Lani Kass, director of the Air Force Cyberspace Task Force.

"The chief of staff of the Air Force is going to gather his senior officers and talk about the new domain, in which, according to our mission, we are going to fly and fight," she said. "Our objective is to come out with a course, a vector, that will set us up for transforming our Air Force, to get us ready for the fight of the 21st century."

According to Dr. Kass, cyberspace is neither a mission nor an operation. Instead, cyberspace is a strategic, operational and tactical warfighting domain — a place in which the Air Force or other services can fight.

"The domain is defined by the electro-

magnetic spectrum," Dr. Kass said. "It's a domain just like air, space, land and sea. It is a domain in and through which we deliver effects — fly and fight, attack and defend — and conduct operations to obtain our national interests."

The cyber domain includes all the places an electron travels. The electron, which is part of the atom, can travel from one atom to the next. This concept is key to electronic communication and energy transmission.

An electron may travel from a cell phone to a cell tower, for instance. The path the electron takes, the shape of its path, the speed it travels, and the direction it travels are all critical to ensuring the cell phone works and that a usable signal is received. As part of a signal, an electron can travel from a handheld computer to a reception tower, over a wire to a telephone, to a television through an antenna,

from a radio transmitter to radio, and from computer to computer as part of a network.

The electron can also travel, as part of energy transmission, from a microwave oven to popcorn seeds to make them pop, from generators over a wire to a light bulb, and from an X-ray machine through bone to a detection plate to make an image for a doctor to review.

(Editor's note: Read the complete story and more up-to-date Air Force news on Air Force Link by visiting www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123028524.



AFRC postpones mandatory wear date of patch

Air Force Reserve Command has postponed the mandatory wear of the AFRC patch on battle dress uniforms and flight suits until May 1, 2007. AFRC unit reservists were supposed to start wearing the patch last month, but command officials delayed it because of lack of patches. "As patches are issued, members are expected to wear them on their uniforms as soon as possible," wrote Col. William F. Nadolski, deputy director of manpower and personnel at AFRC headquarters, in a memo to wing commanders and manpower officials. (Air Force Reserve Command Print News)

AFRC changes officer promotion system

More Air Force Reserve officers will compete against each other for promotion. Line officers will have less chance to make colonel. Lieutenant colonels won't be able to stay past their mandatory separation date. These are some of the

policy changes Air Force Reserve Command implemented for officer promotions starting with the October 2006 AFR Line and Non-line Colonel Promotion selection board. The complete story is available at <http://www.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?ID=123028413>. (Air Force Reserve Command Print News)

Air Force strategic plan released

The Air Force Strategic Plan 2006-2008 has been released and now is available online, announced Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff General T. Michael Moseley in a joint letter. The plan articulates the AF mission. The plan focuses on three priorities the Air Force has had over the last few years: winning the war on terrorism, developing Airmen and recapitalizing the aging air fleet. The complete story can be found on the Air Force Link at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123028424>.

President dedicates Air Force Memorial

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WASHINGTON (AFPN) — On behalf of a grateful nation, the president of the United States accepted the Air Force Memorial in a dedication ceremony here attended by military leaders of the past and present, political and business representatives and thousands of ordinary citizens and Airmen alike. “A Soldier can walk the battlefields where he once fought,” said President George W. Bush. “A Marine can walk the beaches he once stormed, but an Airman can never visit the patch of sky he raced across to defend freedom. And so it is fitting that from this day forward, the men and women of the Air Force will have this memorial.” The ceremony was the highlight of a daylong open house event that attracted thousands of people from around the country to the south parking lot of the Pentagon. Huge screens were put up which allowed the visitors in the parking lot to view the dedication ceremony, which took place at the base of the memorial. That crowd included H. Ross Perot and his son, H. Ross Perot Jr., who is chairman of the Air Force Memorial Foundation, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. Also in attendance were former chiefs of staff of the Air Force, secretaries of the Air Force, chief master sergeants of the Air Force, Air Force Medal of Honor recipients and their families. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley spoke at the event, saying he was deeply honored to be a part of it. He reflected on the Airmen who serve today, and their connection to the dedicated Airmen who served in the past. “We have the most powerful air, space and cyberspace force in the world,” he said. “This is a long overdue tribute to all those who are a part of this ongoing cycle of dedicated and talented Americans who service in the Air Force.” The Air Force Band performed several

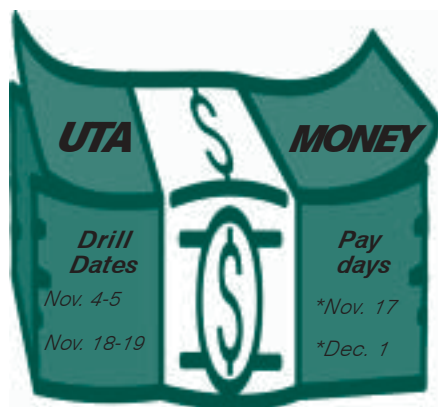


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Cohen Young

On behalf of all American citizens President George W. Bush accepts the Air Force Memorial from Air Force Memorial Foundation Chairman Ross Perot Jr. during a dedication ceremony at its Arlington, Va. location overlooking the Pentagon on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006. Looking on are, from left: Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley.

pieces while a video was shown with clips from pilots climbing into World War II bombers to modern-day Airmen working in the sands of Iraq. Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley spoke of several Airmen who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. He read an excerpt from a letter sent by Senior Airman Jason Cunningham, an Air Force parajumper with the Special Forces to his wife, Theresa, before he was killed in combat in Afghanistan in 2002. “As if aware of his impending death, he wrote, ‘I’ll die a happy man doing the job I love,’” read General Moseley. “Those are the words of a true PJ, and it speaks volumes of his commitment and dedication. We honor him with this memorial, as well

as the countless others who are like him.” Several aircraft, ranging from World War One bi-planes to today’s stealth bombers and fighters, flew over the crowd and memorial in chronological order, providing visual evidence of the evolution of military flight. The ceremony ended with a demonstration from the Thunderbirds, who buzzed the crowd before doing the bomb-burst formation, which inspired the design of the three-spires of the memorial. “We commemorate today the courage of the men and women who wear the Air Force blue,” said President Bush. “We remember those who gave their lives for their fellow Americans. We mourn their loss, we pray for their families and we consecrate their legacy here today.”



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